



MARINA'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL STATE BUDGET EDITION **MARCH 2011**

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Save the Date

Women's Events in Milwaukee County
Milwaukee County Open House
April 5th General Election
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South Shore Forum for Economic Development

New at the County

Committee Packets are now available online [here](#).

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No Tools for Local Governments, Cuts to Services

Last week, Governor Walker introduced his proposed State Budget for the biennium. While his Budget Repair Bill included, **“tools for local governments” his 2011-13 biennial budget includes major cuts to services and limits our funding options while cutting shared revenue.** Here are some preliminary areas of concern. More information will be available soon.

Juvenile Corrections Consolidated

The Governor’s budget consolidates juvenile offenders by closing Ethan Allen School in Waukesha County and moving all of the juveniles to Lincoln Hills School in Lincoln County. In addition, the budget directs the Department of Corrections to close Southern Oaks Girls School in Racine County and transfer the female juveniles to Copper Lake School at Lincoln Hills.

These facilities were significantly under capacity; which is a good thing because it means that less expensive alternatives are working. The consolidation avoids an expected 30% increase in the daily rate charged to County taxpayers for each juvenile that is sent to these institutions; it currently costs us about \$100,000 per year per juvenile.

This issue affects all of us as taxpayers and is important to our youth and communities. More than half of the juveniles in state institutions are from Milwaukee County, so we are paying for the inefficiency of the state operations. While I strongly preferred and advocated for the closing of Lincoln Hills (3 ½ hours away) and consolidation at Ethan Allen (45 minutes away), I am pleased that the Governor took action to close an institution – it will save Milwaukee County money.

Family Care Enrollment Capped

Family Care is a model program that has reduced costs for nursing home care by allowing many citizens to remain in a home setting with supportive services. It appears that enrollments may not be capped for the IRIS program (the state’s self-directed program) but would be capped for those seeking service through Milwaukee County. The Department of Health Services may not enroll more

persons in care management organizations to receive the family care benefit than the number of persons receiving the family care benefit in that county on June 20, 2011, or the effective date. This will most likely result in the creation of a waiting list for elderly and prevent the County from eliminating the wait list for persons with disabilities.

Arbitrary Cuts to Shared Revenue and Human Services

The State reduces Medical Assistance costs by \$500 million, however no detailed information is provided. Medical Assistance covers Badger Care, Senior Care and many programs to our Behavioral Health and Disabilities Services Division.

Funding for mental health and alcohol and drug abuse programs at our Behavioral Health Division is reduced by \$650,000 in 2011 and \$1.2 million in 2012.

State Shared revenue is reduced \$36.5 million for counties State-Wide. It is likely Milwaukee County's revenue will be reduced by \$6-9 million in 2012 depending on the new formula.

****NO Tools for Local Governments****

Property tax increases are limited to the rate of net new construction, which grew at 0.657% in 2010. Estimates say that the 2012 property tax increase could be limited to \$2 million, severely below the cuts to services being proposed.

Transit Aid Cut

Cuts to Transit Aid overall are stated at 10%; in Milwaukee County these are estimated to reduce funding by nearly \$7 Million annually. To put that amount in relative perspective, Milwaukee County currently spends \$17.5 Million in property tax levy on transit. The magnitude of the funding problem is compounded by a strict tax levy freeze, depleted capital/operating reserves, rising fuel costs, and

ongoing needs to replace an aging fleet of 450 buses. The Governor has consistently fought against a modest dedicated sales tax to fund transit, which was approved by Milwaukee County voters in November 2008. Roads by contrast have been given increased funding without a referendum. This could result in route cuts and fare increases, the opposite of what we should be doing to grow our system and improve our infrastructure.

Reference Sources

The Governor's Proposed Budget
<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/AB40.pdf>

Wisconsin Counties Association
<http://wicounties.org>

Wisconsin Department of Administration
<http://doa.wi.gov/>

*Milwaukee County Intergovernmental Relations –
Milwaukee County Department of Administration
Report to IGR Committee March 14, 2011*

Supervisor Lipscomb's Newsletter



Marina Named to Salvation Army Advisory Board

Supervisor Dimitrijevic, has been named to the Salvation Army of Milwaukee County Advisory Board.

“The Salvation Army is a prestigious organization and does excellent work in our community,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic. “I am honored to serve this organization, and I look forward to working with them in addressing the needs of neighborhoods throughout Milwaukee County.”

Supervisor Dimitrijevic will attend her first meeting on Monday, March 28 at the Emergency Homeless Shelter, 1730 N. 7th Street. She will begin her tenure on the Social Services Committee.

The Salvation Army Advisory Board provides external input and governance to the activities of The Salvation Army. Viewpoints and guidance from community and corporate leaders serving on the Board help the Army remain relevant to the needs of the community and concerns of the Greater Milwaukee area.



Giving Hope Today

Celebrating International Women's Month

Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway and Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic are inviting all Milwaukee County residents to the County Board's first-ever observance of Women's History Month on March 17, 2011. The official date for International Women's Day was March 8, and the County Board's observance of Women's History Month will occur at the March 17th County Board meeting. The event includes remarks from a special guest, Appellate Court Judge Kitty Brennan, who will be introduced by her Supervisor, Patricia Jursik, and a poetry reading from Supervisor Peggy West. The theme is, "Equal access to education, training, and science and technology: Pathway to decent work for women."

"There are 2,000 women's events going on worldwide. It is exciting to celebrate 100 years of Women's achievements during this inaugural event in Milwaukee County," Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. "We are honored to highlight Judge Brennan's success as the first female Chief Judge in Milwaukee County history."

"Our County Supervisors come from a variety of backgrounds, and we are pleased to host this event at the County Board," Chairman Holloway added. "I had the pleasure to work with Judge Brennan for a number of years, and it's a pleasure to welcome her back to Milwaukee County for this event."

County Board Women's History Month celebration

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200

County Board of Supervisors Meeting

March 17, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

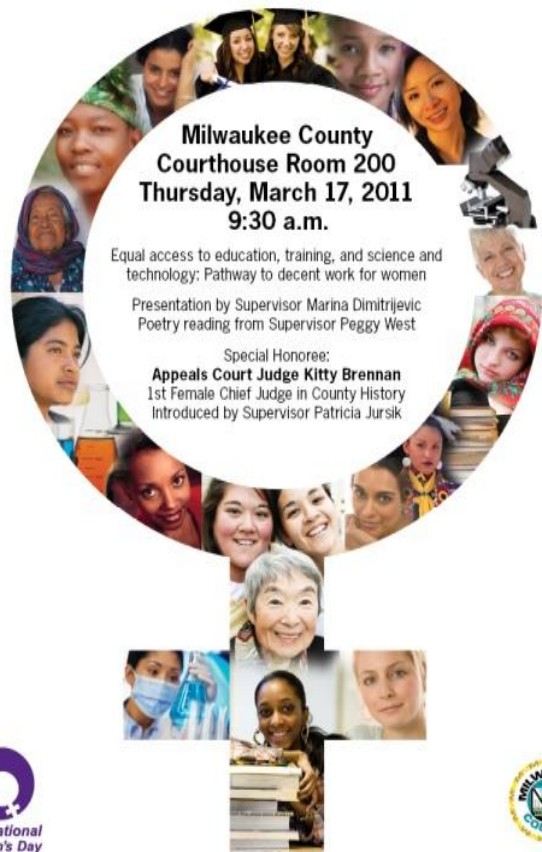
"Why dedicate a day exclusively to the celebration of the world's women? In adopting its resolution on the observance of Women's Day, the U.N. General Assembly cited two reasons: to recognize the fact that securing peace and social progress and the full enjoyment of human rights

and fundamental freedoms require the active participation, equality and development of women; and to acknowledge the contribution of women to the strengthening of international peace and security. For the women of the world, the Day's symbolism has a wider meaning: It is an occasion to review how far they have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. It is also an opportunity to unite, network and mobilize for meaningful change."

-United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality

2011 Women's History Month

Celebrating 100 years of Women's achievements



Milwaukee County Open House: Working for You

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is proud to sponsor the first-ever Milwaukee County Open House to be held on Thursday, March 31, 2011.

The event provides a great opportunity for constituents to meet their County Supervisor, the County Executive, and other elected officials. Other highlights include fact-filled tours of the Courthouse and a County Department Resource Fair, with helpful information and special exhibits on the services Milwaukee County offers to protect, enhance and enrich the community. The event also features light refreshments and donated door prizes.

Thursday, March 31, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 201

901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee, WI

All Milwaukee County residents are invited to attend the free event throughout the day, as tours and information will be presented throughout the day.

For more information, residents can contact 414-278-4222.



Budget Town Hall Meetings

Congresswoman Moore

What: Federal Budget

When: Monday March 21 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Zelazo Center, 2419 N. Kenwood Avenue, Milwaukee (across from the Student Union)

Representative Richards & Senator Larson

What: Wisconsin State Budget

When: Thursday, March 17th: 6pm-8pm

Where: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2618 N. Hackett Avenue

Representatives Zamarripa, Sinicki & Senator Larson

What: Wisconsin State Budget

When: Monday March 21, 7pm-8:30pm

Where: Bay View High School

South Shore Forum for Economic Development

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 6:30 - 8 p.m.

South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center:

901 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee, WI

The candidates for County Executive have been invited to listen to economic development issues important to our South Shore communities. Issues to be discussed include:

Hoan Bridge

794 Lake Parkway extension

Aerotropolis & Airport, owned & operated by Milwaukee County

Milwaukee County Transit System

Great Lakes Water Compact

Water return issues as outlying communities plan to return water through our South Shore

Parks, Lakefront & importance to economic development

Sponsored by County Supervisors Patricia Jursik and Marina Dimitrijevic along with the Mayors of St. Francis, Cudahy and South Milwaukee.

